IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows (a clean copy of the abstract as amended appears at page 4):

~~The invention provides a~~ A terminal apparatus is capable of efficiently managing the status of ~~the~~ shared device(s) on the network in a unified manner, constantly, with the latest status information, thereby permitting a user easily to understanding the status of the desired shared device.

For each of the terminal apparatuses on the network, there are provided server means and ~~server means~~ client. These ~~means~~ function in the same manner regardless of whether the information exchange is with another apparatus or within ~~the own~~ one apparatus. The server means acquires and provides the information of the shared device, required from the client ~~means~~ of another apparatus or the ~~own~~ same apparatus.